### Background
A rater is a permanent member of staff nominated by the principal to provide their professional assessment of each SRS applicant’s:
- 5 aptitudes.

### Rater schedule
SRS applications open on Wednesday 1 April and close at midnight on Sunday 20 September.

UAC will send emails to relevant school principals each time one or more students submit an SRS application. Raters can start rating applicants via SRS Schools progressively.

All SRS ratings must be finalised by midnight Wednesday 30 September.

### 10 areas of study
- Agriculture − Health
- Commerce − Languages
- Creative Arts − Mathematics
- Education − Science
- English/Humanities/Social Sciences − Technology

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### How to rate areas of study

**Commerce, Education and Health:**
While students may not currently be studying these areas, rate them on their suitability to undertake courses in these fields.

**English/Humanities/Social Sciences:**
Rate the student’s performance in their strongest subject within this area of study.

**‘Not applicable’ rating:**
Use this rating if a student is not studying this area.

If you rate one or more areas as ‘Not Applicable’, this will not disadvantage your student as long as a rating other than ‘Not Applicable’ is provided for at least one area of study.
### 5 aptitude categories
- Capacity for abstract thought and analysis
- Ability to organise ideas and articulate a position orally and in written form
- Ability to work and learn independently
- Motivation to achieve long-term goals
- Capacity for tertiary study

**Rating scale:**
- Exceptional
- Very good
- Good
- Adequate
- Inadequate

### Rater template
In order to assist schools in collating their ratings, a rater template is available at uac.edu.au/schools/srs-schools.

### How ratings are used
Institutions will use ratings and other information to determine which applicants they will make SRS offers to.

Detailed information on how each institution will determine its SRS offers is available at uac.edu.au/srs-criteria.